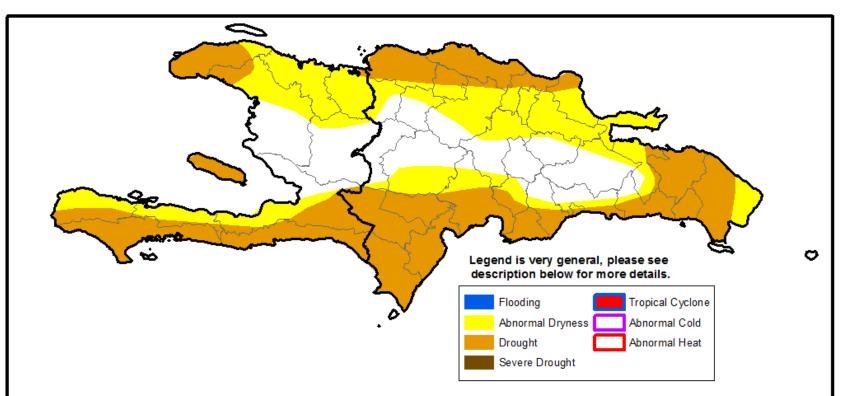


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook September 10 – September 16, 2015

• The region slides back into the dry pattern which has dominated the last several months.



One week after a tropical system brought some heavier rains to part of Hispaniola, the beginning of September saw the dry pattern return. The heaviest areas of rain fell over Elías Piña, San Juan, Dajabón, and Santiago Rodrígues provinces of the Dominican Republic, as well as coastal areas of Artibonite Department in Haiti. Greater than 100mm were observed in these areas according to TRMM estimates. The majority of the island however, experienced below-average rainfall. The southern tip of the Dominican Republic, as well as some northern and eastern coastal areas, received very little rainfall this past week. Over the previous 90-day period, rainfall continues to run anywhere from near-normal in the center of Hispaniola to less than 50% of normal in coastal regions. The prolonged dryness continues to negatively impact ground conditions. Vegetation indices, along with WRSI, indicate conditions that remain very poor, or are continuing to degrade, particularly now in the north. During the coming outlook period, rainfall is expected to once again be below average. This is the expected pattern resulting from the presence of significant El Nino conditions. The GFS indicates that the best chance for any heavy rainfall this coming week is over the higher elevations of the Dominican Republic. The potential exists for the remnants TS Grace to enhance rainfall slightly during the Saturday/Sunday timeframe.